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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, JO
SUBJECT: ALLEGED STATE RESTRICTION OF DEA

REF: STATE 83084

1. JORDAN'S ANTI-NARCOTICS DEPT, SET UP WITH ACTIVE EMBASSY ENCOURAGEMENT AND DEA AND AID ASSISTANCE IN 1974, MAINTAINS EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER WHAT LITTLE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING THROUGH JORDAN IS ATTEMPTED. NARCOTICS ABUSE IS PRACTICALLY NON-EXISTENT. DEA DOES NOT MAINTAIN AN OFFICE IN AMMAN; OFFICERS FROM DEA'S CAIRO, ANKARA AND PARIS OFFICES TRAVEL TO JORDAN APPROXIMATELY FOUR TIMES A YEAR AND OPERATE HERE UNDER THE GUIDELINES DRAWN UP IN 1976 BY DEA, THE AMBASSADOR AND THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT AND GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN STATE'S A-4027 OF AUGUST 11, 1976.

2. DIRECTOR OF JORDAN'S ANTI-NARCOTICS DEPT MAINTAINS CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR (ENC). EVEN THOUGH ANTI-NARCOTICS DIRECTOR ENJOYS PERSONAL FRIENDSHIPS WITH SEVERAL DEA OFFICERS, HE INSISTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES, THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS BE HANDLED THROUGH THE ENC, RATHER THAN WITH DEA DIRECTLY BY TELEPHONE OR TELEX. THE EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY HAD TO REMIND THE PARIS DEA OFFICE OF COMMIT-
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MENT TO GUIDELINES (SEE AMMAN 1588). HOWEVER, SINCE IT DERIVES FROM MUTUALLY AGREED UPON GUIDELINES, EMBASSY BELIEVES DEA WOULD NOT CONSTRUE THIS REMINDER AS EVIDENCE OF EMBASSY RESTRAINT OF DEA ACTIVITIES. ON THE CONTRARY, ENC HAS SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN RECENT MONTHS WITH JORDAN'S SENIOR NARCOTICS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN WORKING OUT AREAS OF POSSIBLE EXPANDED COOPERATION WITH DEA,

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PARTICULARLY IN FIELDS OF TRAINING AND TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT
ASSISTANCE AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION. (SEE AMMAN 1322).
WE THUS BELIEVE WE HAVE ACTIVELY FACILITATED AND PROMOTED
NARCOTICS CONTROL GOALS OF SUBSTANMIAL INTEREST TO BOTH DEA
AND GOJ. WE KNOW OF NO INSTANCE WHERE DEA LIKELY TO HAVE
CONSTRUED ANY EMBASSY ACTION AS RESTRAINT OR VETO.
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